

## EDRP March 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm @ Ivy Tech Public Meeting

Members Present: David Hertz, Phil Kahn, Ashley Schutte, Darleen Connolly, Mike Flint, Tony Bilz, Dick McCracken, Tammy Acosta

Speaker: Joe Jenner

6 people from the Public came to observe. 1 arrived late, making a total of 7 observers.

- I. Introduction of the Panel
- II. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair
  - i. Discussion of responsibilities of Chair and Vice Chair
    - Working up the Agenda
    - Scheduling meetings and speakers
    - Flow of information to the panel and public
    - Project Management
    - Consensus of group regarding advice provided to current administration
  - ii. Dick McCracken was nominated as Chair
  - iii. Mike Flint was nominated as Vice Chair
    - Panel unanimously approved both nominations

- III. Introduction of Guest Speaker: Joe Jenner, regarding legal issues.

Joe offered himself as an advisor to the Panel to be used at their discretion. He explained that EDRP is a panel with no power to make decisions but only “to advise”. All meetings are to be “open door”. He contacted an attorney with IACT to confirm that all meetings have to be open and published 48 hours in advance. The Panel is not allowed to meet in Executive Session, but, 2-3 members can get together to discuss issues without it being a violation; 4 could not. He will check to see if they can hold Executive Session when there is confidential information being disclosed. On the other hand, public comment is optional. There is no obligation to ever invite public comment. Email can be used to coordinate but it shouldn’t be used to discuss topics in detail. Ashley Schutte asked Joe if it is ok to have speakers provide the Panel with all their materials prior to the meetings so they have a chance to review and form questions? Joe answered “yes”.

Mike Flint asked if they can have “subcommittees”? Joe will check on this.

- IV. Approve EDRP Mission & Definition: **Who We Are, our Mission and our Process** is attached. Ashley Schutte had question regarding the definition; she feels it should reflect a broader definition than just “jobs”. Discussion led to adding the line, **“The definition of economic development for this panel is an evolving process and we reserve the right to modify as we listen and learn.”** Document will be modified and placed at City Hall to apply signatures of each panel participant before being released to the public.

- V. Discussion of how to choose/prioritize speakers for next 2 meetings.
- i. Panel decided the Chair and Vice Chair would meet to choose 4 speakers that they wish to invite to the next 2 meetings.
  - ii. Chair and Vice Chair will provide information about the panel as well as guidelines and questions/issues that these speakers should address. This information will be discussed in advance with each speaker.
- VI. Approval of meeting dates/times:
- i. March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm @ City Hall
  - ii. April 3<sup>rd</sup> Noon – 2 pm @ City Hall
  - iii. April 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm @ City Hall
  - iv. April 17<sup>th</sup> Noon-2 pm @ City Hall
  - v. April 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm @ City Hall
  - vi. May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm @ City Hall
  - vii. May 15<sup>th</sup> Noon – 2 pm @ City Hall
  - viii. May 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm @ City Hall
  - ix. June 12<sup>th</sup> Noon – 2 pm @ City Hall
  - x. June 19<sup>th</sup> Noon- 2 pm @ City Hall
  - xi. June 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm @ City Hall

\* Mike Flint made a recommendation to have a full work day at some point.  
This date will be announced later if the panel decides it is necessary.